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THE TIMES-DISPATCH and Brenkfast are served together with unfailing regularity in the Best Homes of Richmond. Is your morning program complete?

#### A Chance for the Bakers

THE great convention of master bakers that begins here this morning can do a great service, if it will, to the cotton planter of the South. If the members of the bakers' association should insist that the flour and sugar and supplies of all kinds they buy in such enormous quantities should be packed wherever feasible in cotton bags, they would increase at one blow the demand for cotton cloth and quicken into renewed activity hundreds of half-dormant mills.

More than this, they would set an example to the country. Other industries would follow their lead. The cotton that now whitens Southern fields must be consumed if the market is to be maintained at a profitable figure, and not merely put aside in warehouses. bakers can help, directly and indirectly a cause that appeals to the sympathies of every loyal American.

#### Should Portugal Declare War

R EPORTS that little Portugal, in accordance with its ancient treaty with Great Britain, would soon declare war against Germany and Austria, have not been treated with the respect the subject deserves. It seems at first glance hardly possible that the military force of this inconsiderable nation could add much to the war strength of the allies, but Portugal, in this contingency, is not to be despised.

In the first place, it can put into the field 300,000 men of all arms, raised from the full of the zest of sober achievement, and republic itself. In addition, Portugal has a territorial army of about 10,000, partly European and partly native, which garrisons Portuguese possessions on the west coast of Africa, in Mozambique, India and other It is strongest on the African west coast, near where the Boer uprising against British sovereignty recently occurred, and where Germany also holds a portion of the

There may be something more than coincidence in the reports at this time of Portugal's impending entrance on the stage of war.

## Michael Angelo McGinnis

THERE is a name for you to mark down and put away with the names of men WE are threatened now with a deluge of literature based on war. who have done things.

which he excelled he was one of the best in the world.

He didn't bother much about obeying laws. For instance, he made misuse of the mails, and the government sent him to the Missouri penitentiary for a long term. In prison a man has to do something or lose his mind, and so McGinnis turned to the writing of a book on algebra.

After a while the government let him out, and then he published the book on algebra, which straightway became an international wonder to educators. They wanted to know who wrote it, and when they had located Michael Angelo McGinnis, that gentleman was offered chairs in several large universities.

He declined all the big offers and began teaching mathematics in a little Wichita college, until the bad streak in him asserted itself and he was sent to prison again, this time for forging a deed. Governor Hadley pardoned him after he had served six years of a ten-year sentence, and the other day he died in a charity hospital in Kansas City.

blood, the clay McGinnis, the McGinnis that walked around on legs and talked and made motions-wasn't much to be proud of, as the and Harry of authorship should forget all the record goes. He had his chance, both for big work and reform, but McGinnis had so much brutality of a sick era. It would be far betof the streak that all the chances on earth ter if a history or two, perhaps a good novel meant nothing to him. The material Mc-Ginnis was a bad egg.

But inside the material McGinnis that walked around on legs and talked, there was another McGinnis-an intangible, indefinable, but real, McGinnis. That McGinnis wrote a book on algebra, which became of internaof you who read this, to explain if you can, of war and war stuff. There is a moral in it somewhere. Just what the moral is, it would be hard to tell, but surely there must be a moral in so remarkable a story of the conflicting ego?

## The Burden of Armor

A RMOR is heavy, but it is a proud burden, and a man standeth straight in it," said King Arthur in Mark Twain's fas-

cinating "A Yankee at King Arthur's Court." Marvel succeeds marvel, when one thinks of the strength of men who are wearing the heavy burden. Consider Albert, King of the stricken Belgians; the Kaiser, the Czar, the executive of France and the British ministers. Upon them, as individuals, rests a burden so heavy that the average man would be crushed by it, and yet they seem to walk straight. ocrats placed him where he is, did they not? burden of leadership and authority, and, above all, each believes that he has the confidence of his people. Change this belief for cotton bags."

a day, and the strongest of these will lose strongth. Therein lies the real secret of endurance that knows no hour of rest.

Over in Washington there is a man who is wearing as heavy a burden of armor, of another type. With the enormous duties thrust upon him by extraordinary circumstances, he is destined, if the signs are right, to be the peacemaker of the world—the arbiter among nations. The things he has done are small compared with the things he has to do. Before him, in the direction in which his face is set so firmly, lie demands upon his every resource that are simply beyond the strength of any man who stands alone.

It is the business of the people of all the States to give this man their confidence for his strength Just now, it is vitally important to every great American issue that the House of Representatives be voted in line with the President's policies. It is up to the various States to forget every partisan difference and make a united government, and, in doing so, to express their confidence in the man in Washington, who needs that strength. It is too bad that there is no way to elect Congressmen other than by popular vote, which is divided on partisan lines, and often swung in national selections by petty local Sunday only..... 5 cents pap. That the very spirit and essence of all government should depend upon which political party happens to be swinging the patronage in a local situation, is lamentable. But even parties and partisans can at times rise above all selfish considerations, and of all | times in history there is none like the present

> The President must have the confidence and backing of the people through their representatives.

#### President Wilson's Letter

N his letter to Representative Underwood, made public this morning, the President reviews the great program of progressive legislation and of solid service to the country that has been carried out by a Democratic Congress, under the leadership of a Democratic administration. This series of legislative measures, he says, had a common purpose, which was "to destroy private control and set business free." It is on that purpose, so largely fulfilled, that he bases his plea for the re-election of Democratic Senators and Representatives who have aided in the patriotic work.

Mr. Wilson disposes in a phrase of the disingenuous Republican criticism of the emergency war taxes which it will be necessary to impose. He says:

It is fortunate that the reduction of the duties came first. The import duties collected under the old tariff constituted a much larger proportion of the whole revenue of the government than do the duties under the new. A still larger proportion of the revenue would have been cut off by the war had the old taxes stood, and a larger war tax would have been necessary as a consequence. No miscalculation, no lack of foresight has created the necessity for the taxes, but only a great catastrophe worldwide in its operation and effects.

There can be no answer to that. 'The Democratic party," says the Presi- all roads should lead. dent, "is now, in fact, the only instrument ready to the country's hand by which anything can be accomplished. It is united, as the Republican party is not; it is strong and has been rendered confident by carrying out a great constructive program such as no other party has attempted; its thought, its has at last been located. He has been "turned ambition, its plans are of the vital present up" by Editor Johnston, of the Williamsburg

and the hopeful future." When the President declares his "very complete and very confident belief in the prac-tical sagacity of the American people," he expresses the belief of every other careful observer of political conditions. No such person has any doubt that the Democratic administration will be triumphantly indorsed at the elections next month.

## Reality and Fiction

literature based on war. For the next walking delegate incited it, McGinnis was a mathematician—a great decade or two, if first attempts succeed, all mathematician. He was born with a bad the best sellers will be full of guns and streak in his make-up, but at the thing in powder, lead and blood. But, unless we

of it is still playing in stock along with 'Uncle Tom's" annual visit to the second-rate melodramatic houses. These yarns are saved by the love plot and the comedy relief, but modern problems and themes of more social benefit have for the past few years been crowding everything else off the boards. The greatest successes have been those plays which dealt with the sweetness and smiles

Certainly, we must have books and we must have plays of the war. It is impossible McGinnis himself—the flesh and bone and that such a great making of history could go away without leaving something behind. But that is no reason why every Tom, Dick rest of life and dip his pen into the wearying and a single great play, should dispose of the just one of Grant's expensive feints. subject in literature and let us pass on to other and more intimate associations of the

average healthy mind. After all, with the astounding record of reality presented in daily records of events, what can the fictionist do that has not been tional importance to educators. All of which done? His thunder has been taken away, is respectfully submitted to the intelligence and, as for interest-well, people are tired

> If it is permitted to believe what our friends, the bankers, say, Richmond hospitality, at the convention here, established bank accounts in most every city in the

> If the war keeps up much longer, the honk of the American automobile horn will be heard on every battlefield in Europe.

> Out in Chicago, according to current report, enterprising restaurant proprietors are making their coffee of roasted peanuts. other opening for a great Virginia industry.

ocrats ask to be re-elected to Congress be-cause of the President's record. Well, Dem-

Republican newspapers are angry that Dem-

We might change the "buy-a-bale" slogan to make it read "buy a couple of thousand

## SONGS AND SAWS

She Says the Tango Can Go.

["I am going to America to deliver the death blow to the tango."—Statement by Anna Pavlowa, Russian dancer, as she set call from Liverpool for this country.]

Have you heard about the mena That comes sailing o'er the sen?
Of the blow that now is leveled
At our night's frivolity? Did you know that sprite, Pavlowa,
Of the fleet and twinkling toe,
Says the naughty, naughty tango
(Worse by far than the fandango)
Has to go?

She'll not stand it any longer,
For she knows it's had its fling,
And she's going to can the tango
Just as sure as anything.
Yes, she says the tango can go
To perdition, which is where,
When you give consideration
To its moral aberration;
It should fare. It should fare.

But Pavlowa, grace incarnate, When you take away our pride,
What, in mercy, will you give us
To replace its dip and slide?
For you know, oh! rare Pavlowa!
That we simply have to dance,
And so when you can the tango
Teach us something with a tang, so

We can prance. Uncle Zach's Philosophy. Dis worl' am a wale er tares, but dat's no reason for ennyboddy to tink he's gotter keep cryin' all ober de face er erth. Ef er man ud

smile a little, he mout dry up some er de tares dat he's got to wade tru ennyhow. A Matter of Hours.

Stubbs-Does your wife believe everything Grubbs-Well, she does when I reach home to tell the story before 6 o'clock in the evening.

"I point with pride," said the candidate, "to the fact that in my whole political life I have never deceived the people?"

"If that is a fact," rejoined the cynic, "you must believe in the old maxim—'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

If I were William Sulzer now,

I know just what I'd do—
I'd climb upon some peak and leap
Into the waters blue.
And just before I leaped I'd write
And nail up on that hill
These final words: "There is no change;
Here LIES the same old Bill." THE TATTLER.

## Chats With Virginia Editors

It may be that the editor of the Covington Virinian is a bit confused when he writes: "Lynchburg is not alone when it comes to clubs. Bristol is loudly touting a 'Rye-Welch' club."

We are unfamiliar with the subject, but that sounds like the name of a cocktail, a commingling of whiskey and grape juice, rather than

The West Point Weekly News suggests: "That's a dandy road from Saluda to Urbanna, but why stop? Let Middlesex extend it to Dragon Prage and Gloudester, and King and Queen build it to West Point."

Then "on to Richmond," whither "An up-to-date farmer must have an accurate

knowledge of to-day and a clear vision of to-morrow," the Midland Virginian puts it, but omits that keeping in mind the experiences of yesterday might likewise help some. The good man who "fails seven times a day"

Gazette, who gives information against him in the following editorial paragraph:

"One of our good friends says that he can get drunk and sober again five times in one day. But wait till he strikes the prohibition moonshine that the antiprohibitionists promise Virginia after the State goes dry."

Two falls extra are allowed the five-a-day

The Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch prays: "May there be no striking in the mines in the North Sea."

But should it happen, let no man say the

Brother Showalter withholds the further information that the senorita thus annexed eventually has her Latin-American walking Spanish if not talking the pure Castilian.

#### War News Fifty Years Ago (From the Richmond Disparch, Oct. 19, 1864.)

General Braxton Bragg, who has for many months been commanding the Richmond Depart-ment, has been relieved, and goes at once to ake command of an important post in one o the more Southern States.

The latest information from below Richmond is to the effect that the enemy has transferred a very large part of its force to the south side the river. Ten pieces of artillery were taken with them. This move may portend some busy work in the front of Petersburg, or it may be This move may portend some busy

Again comes the now usual report "all quiet in front of Petersburg." There was absolutely no shelling yesterday, and scarcely any picket

Five hundred sick and wounded Federal prisoners were sent down the river by flag of truce boat yesterday for transfer to the North. The latest information from Wilmington is to the effect that the Federal blockade of that port is now practically complete, the fleet of gunboats having been largely augmented within the past week. The North Carolina coast is the past week. The North Carolina c especially in the winter season, and it is more than likely that the vinter storms will break the blockade before the springtime comes again.

It is officially ar sounced that the intreple Mosby, having learned that a train of the Balti-more and Ohio Rairoad, heavily loaded with supplies and cash for Federal uses in the western part of Virginia, was to leave Baltimore, planned to capture the same. He pounced upon it near Duffield, between garper's Ferry and Martins-

to capture the same. He pounced upon it near Duffield, between arger's Ferry and Martinsburg, and captured the entire outifit, among other things two Federal paymasters and \$200,000 in greenbacks that they were loaded with. The supplies were appropriated and the train destroyed.

Details of the fight at Sickley's Shop, beyond Fisher's Hill, in the Valley, have been obtained. The Federal cavalry attacked our small cavalry force and drove them back two miles. Thinking they had everything their own way, the Federals rushed forward, and before they knew anything they had run into our infantry and two pieces of artillery, and before they could extricate themselves they were given a terrible drubbing; in fact, the force was almost annihilated. Several

hundred good and much-needed horses were

The city markets are well supplied with entables, especially fresh meats, but, for some reason, none other, perhaps, than the desire of the butchers to make more money, all meats are very high, the prices for veal and lamb having been arbitrarily advanced from \$3.50 to \$5 per round.

According to reports in the last number of the New York Herald received here, gold has made a wonderful jump in New York, and is now going at 217. This was a jump of 9 cents in one day. and, naturally, caused a great deal of excitement on Wall Street and throughout the city.

#### Gossip from "Down Home"

"In these days of mustaches and muskets voman suffrage hasn't much chance anywhere, wails the Raleigh Times. But some of the suffragettes are perfectly able to raise the one and carry the other.

The Newbern Sun has a quarrel with the weather. "The settled matron, Madame October, has no business, as we see it, to act as capriciously as though she were the ingenue maiden, Miss April," it declares. Around here October has behaved not only like April, but like July and December as well.

The Raleigh News and Observer thinks Italy has become a convert to the "safety first" movement. Which doesn't seem to be a bad idea

From the Asheville Citizen comes more praise for the President-another voice in the almost

universal chorus. "The conditions now prevailing across the seats would undoubtedly have been the fate of this country had President Wilson weakened under the pressure of the jingoes who clamored for war at any price," it says. "The policy of 'watchful waiting' which was conceived in an hour of Christian heroism saved this nation from the wail of the widow and the cries of fatherless children."

#### The Voice of the People

Letters to the Editor should not be over 250 words in length, and the name and address of the writer must accompany each communication, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith. Write on one side of the paper, and inclose stamps if manuscript is to be returned. Partisan letters concerning the European war will not be published.

More Light for Street Car Signs.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I wish heartily to indorse "Country-man's" criticism of the street railway company's failure to mark its cars with clearer indications of their route and destinations. Not only are some of the signs insufficiently descriptive, but, being painted on dingy backgrounds and at night poorly lighted, they are difficult to read. Even after one has mastered their meaning—no easy matter for a stranger to the city—there remains the additional inconvenience of facing remains the additional inconvenience of facing

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Old Coins.

Lists from Briton. F. C. A. and Miss L. contain nothing of premium value.

Great Guns.

What nation now has the largest guns, and how much do the projectiles weigh?

F. P. MARCHETTI.

Germany. All projectiles from these guns seem to be hellow, for explosives. They weigh, charged, about 600 pounds, and would weigh, if solid, about two tons.

mess, unless steps are taken to relieve the situation."

From the standpoint of "the mutual interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives" the report analyzes should be sent to South America to look after the interests of such associations, thereby bringing the cost of representation within a reasonable spite the shrinkage of world purchasing power and of obtaining funds to move corporations engaged in kindred lines of production might be formed, and that either one or more representatives should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the report analyzes should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the report analyzes should be sent to South America to corporations engaged in kindred lines of production might be formed, and that either one or more representatives should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the report analyzes should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the report analyzes should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the report analyzes should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the Latin-American republics and currelives the continue of production might be formed, and that either one or more representatives should be sent to South America to look after the interest of the interest of the same currelives and currelives and c

by water, journeyed forty days."

have done better."

It is an abbreviation of "somewhat," an adverb, with the sense of "party." You may find in the older English such forms as "Launcelot, somewhat by land and somewhat

## The Bright Side of Life

Which Will Wint "The folks at our hotel are greatly interested in a problem." "What is it?" "An irresistible blonde has just met an immovable bachelor."—

He Has Practice. "Mr. Smith, to whom you were talking so much is a married man." "Oh, I knew that," "How did you know it?" "By the way he listened."—Baltimore American.

# . Barbara Frietchie Up-to-Date

ONE OF THE DAY'S BEST CARTOONS



## Advancing Trade With South America

WASHINGTON, October 187—That industries of the United States will be seriously injured by loss of Latin-American trade if the restriction of commercial credits is not remedied and that it is to be hoped banks will extend accommodations at least sufficient to ascommodations at least sufficient to ascommodations. This machinery will partially be provided under the Federal reserve act, which permits American banks to open branches abroad and permits a rediscount in this country of commercial paper, based on shipments of commodities in foreign trade."

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The committee considered the proone of the condusions of the Latinposed establishment of an "co-operative exchange" or merchants' clearingby Secretary of Commerce W. C. Red-

no easy matter for a stranger to the city—there remains the additional incurvelence of facing death while tryling to find out just what the signs say.

Some of the other announcements the cars are sufficiently conspicuous. "Please Have Exact Pare Ready" and "Leave by the Pront Door" are nearly always legible. Perhaps the route and destination signs would be improved by a background of white paint and a little more light after the evening shadows fall.

Ritchmond, October 17, 1914.

What New Zealand Does for Women.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir;—I read with great interest your editorial entitled "Government in the Laboratory" in which you quote Dr. Ira Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, as being wonderfully impressed by the laboratory work done in New Zealand, "I know of no other such ribunal in the world," is his comment on the court of New Zealand, "I know of no other such ribunal in the world," is his comment use. All this, you say, "is being the world hears little of the world hears little of the world hears little of the world was all this been accomplished that I doubt very much if you know that the more of this highly praised New Zealand gave their women (as one of these experiments you land so highly) the school vote in 1886, the municipal you think it must have worked well; and the substitute of the school vote in 1886, the municipal you would advise this experiments you land so highly) the school vote in 1886, the municipal you think it must have worked well; and the world hear shread programment and the full parliamentary vote in 1887, and the full parliamentary vote in 1887, and the full parliamentary vote in 1887, and the full parliamentary vote in 1888, the mone has a vote. Is that because men are so lnimical to reformatory experiments (like the worner of Virginia the cheece. The care of the worner of the substitution of the substitution of the substitution of the financial tringency in the control of the substitution of the financial tringency in the control of the financial tringen

be obtained.

"At the present time, steamships are available and sailing regularly from this country to the principal ports of Latin-American and from those ports to the United States. Many of these vossels are unable to obtain full cargoes. Although only a limited number are under the United States flag, the above will clearly indicate to ex-

course, the exchange problem must be factory basis by solved, either by the restoration of old "First. The establishment of a dolor by establishment of new credit fa- lar exchange, through the ultimate credit fa-

tive exchange" or merchants' cleafing-house for Lattin-American trade.
On account of the difficulty of obtain-ing co-operation, the necessity and dif-ficulty of standardiaing credits, the sensonal variations of shipments of South American produce and the ex-pense the plan was pronounced imprac-ticable.

charged, about 600 pounds, and would weigh, if solid, about two tons.

Hospital Board.

Please give the name and address of any member of the board of the Eastern Hospital who lives in Richmond.

The latest list we have contains no member of the solid list we have contains no member of the board of the Eastern Hospital who lives in Richmond.

The latest list we have contains no member which Europe cannot now support trade with Latin-American needs for merchandise Kitherto purchased in Europe cannot now suppose which Europe cannot now suppose which Europe cannot now suppose the production of the contains and address of the possibility of increasing that trade by filling Latin-American needs for merchandise Kitherto purchased in Europe cannot now suppose the production of the contains and address of the possibility of increasing that trade by filling Latin-American needs for merchandise Kitherto purchased in Europe cannot now suppose the production of th The latest list we have contains no member resident here. The board consists of Charles A. Osborne, Keysville; C. D. West, Newport News; Dr. H. U. Stephenson, Toano.

"The solution of these problems upon production, transportation (shipping and insurance) and upon financing or production, of transportation and of principal South American cities and maintaining large branch offices in the principal South American cities fully equipped with efficient sales organizations or who have established connections with export houses aiready doing business in those countries and maintaining large branch offices in the principal South American cities fully equipped with efficient sales organizations or who have established connections. "Production in the United States can be maintained if there be a sufficient market at home and abroad for American goods. Production in South America may continue, but cannot be further developed unless financial assistance be obtained.

"At the present time, steamships are "Merchatns and manufacturers should not stable and satisfactions, and in certain lines of goods—foodstuffs, notions, and in certain lines of goods—foodstuffs, notions, and in certain lines of goods—foodstuffs, notions, and miscellaneous articles—join in establishing what might be called for want of a better name an 'American Store,' in certain of the most important cities.

"Merchatns and manufacturers should not stable and manufacturers should not should n

Your committee begs to state its porters, importers and manufacturers that they need not hold back from entering the field on this account. tering the field on this account.

Latin-America may best be remedied and placed on a permanently satis-